(d) and (e): As per the Coast Guard charter, in operational matters, the CG ships and aircraft operate as a 'Team'. On completion of a successful mission, the entire ship is given due recognition. In the case of seizure of contraband, monetary awards are given as per the policy laid down by the Customs & Excise Department. The President's Tatrakshak Medal, Tatrakshak Medal and Commendations are awarded in recongition of general meritorious performance in the Coast Guard. The President's Tatrakshak Medal has been awarded to 6 officers and Tatrakshak Medal to 11 officers of the Coast Guard.

Utilisation of Defence Land

3044. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1005 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the total area of defence land under Municipal Jurisdiction, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that these isolated patches of land have not been used since independence and there are remote possibilities of these patches of defence land being put to use in future; and

(c) whether Government propose to utilise such land for civil use and raise resources for defence requirement and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c): Instructions have been issued to concerned Defence authorities to maintain Municipal Authority-wise records of Defence lands in States/U.Ts. Based on the reports received, the position will be laid on the Table of the House.

Some isolated pockets of Defence land are presently not being put to use. As a means to generate additional resources, the Government are examining issues relating to the disposal of lands rendered surplus to Defence requirements, including the option of putting such sites to auction.

Obtaining MIG-29 from Russia

3045. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been reached to obtain a squadron of MIG-29 aircrafts from Russia;

(b) if so, what are the details of the terms indicating therein the cost involved; and

(c) by when the squadron is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supply of Products through Military Canteen

3046. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for supply and purchase of defence materials equipments and consumer products for military canteens;

(b) whether voluntary social organisations and women-cooperative societies can supply their products to defence Canteens, if so, whether there is